



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois
3 were saddened to learn of the passing of Thomas J. Tarpey Sr.,
4 Mayor and retired Chief of Police for the Village of River
5 Grove on May 7, 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, Tom Tarpey was the son of the late William and
7 Nora (Sharkey) Tarpey and the loving husband of the late
8 Barbara (Butler) and brother of the late Margaret; and

9 WHEREAS, Tom Tarpey began his service to River Grove in his
10 early twenties, serving as a part-time policeman, and
11 eventually moving to full-time in the department where he
12 reached the rank of Chief of Police; and

13 WHEREAS, Tom Tarpey, who had gained insight to the needs
14 and concerns of the Village's residents through his years on
15 the street, was elected Mayor in 1985; and

16 WHEREAS, Tom Tarpey was a people's Mayor, waving as he
17 passed, stopping to talk to people on the street, willing to
18 listen to both praise and complaints, and always trying to find
19 a workable solution; and

20 WHEREAS, Tom Tarpey was the Village's longest serving
21 Mayor, during which time the Village prospered, improvements
22 were made, and the people came together because they once again
23 felt part of the community; and

24 WHEREAS, Tom Tarpey's passing was deeply felt by many,
25 especially his children, Shawn and son-in-law Brian Campbell,
26 Thomas Jr. and daughter-in-law Alyssa, John and
27 daughter-in-law Gina, and Chrissy and son-in-law Michael
28 Stamm; his mother-in-law, Valeria Butler; his cherished
29 grandchildren, Thomas III, Brian Jr., Cassidy, Molly, Connor,

1 Johnny, Andrew, William, Michael, and Kyle; his brothers,
2 William Jr., Robert and sister-in-law Beverly, Gerald and
3 sister-in-law Donna, and James; his sisters, Eleanor and
4 brother-in-law Don Kraft, Noreen and brother-in-law Larry
5 Waco; and his many nieces and nephews, and the residents of the
6 Village of River Grove; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife and sister, he was
8 preceded in death by his sisters-in-law, Mary and Theresa;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn the death of Thomas J. Tarpey
13 Sr. along with all who knew and loved him and extend our
14 sincere condolences to his family and friends; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Thomas J. Tarpey Sr. as an
18 expression of our sorrow for their loss.